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Introduced by Senators White, Balint, Benning, Clarkson, Collamore, Kitchel,
Mazza, and Pollina

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: General Assembly; legislative elections; Adjutant and Inspector
General

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish
minimum qualifications for candidates for Adjutant and Inspector General.

An act relating to the qualifications of candidates for Adjutant and Inspector
General

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 12 is amended to read:

§ 12. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS; UNIFORM BALLOTS

(a) Whenever there is a known contested election for Speaker of the House
of Representatives, or for President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and in
elections by the joint assembly of the ~~Legislature~~ General Assembly, the
Secretary of State shall prepare a ballot for each office, listing the names of the
known candidates for the office in the alphabetical order of their surnames and

1 leaving thereon sufficient blank spaces to take care of any nominations from
2 the floor.

3 (b) A candidate for office shall, not later than one week preceding the
4 election, notify the Secretary of State in writing of his or her candidacy,
5 naming the particular office. If he or she fails so to notify the Secretary of
6 State, his or her name shall not be printed on the ballot. No ballot may be used
7 other than the official ballot provided by the Secretary of State.

8 (c)(1) A candidate for Adjutant and Inspector General shall:

9 (A) be a resident of Vermont;

10 (B) have attained the rank of lieutenant colonel (O-5) or above;

11 (C) be a current member of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the
12 U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the Army National Guard, or
13 the Air National Guard or be eligible to return to active service in the Army
14 National Guard or the Air National Guard; and

15 (D) be a graduate of a Senior Service College, currently be enrolled
16 in a Senior Service College, or be eligible to be enrolled in a Senior Service
17 College during the biennium in which the candidate would first be appointed.

18 (2) A candidate for Adjutant and Inspector General shall, at the time he
19 or she notifies the Secretary of State of his or her candidacy pursuant to
20 subsection (b) of this section, certify under oath to the Secretary that he or she
21 meets the qualifications set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.